

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2627**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Naoki KITAGAKI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2627

Application No.: 10/734,148

Examiner: L. NGUYEN

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For: INFORMATION-RECORDING METHOD AND INFORMATION-RECORDING  
MEDIUM

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the May 10, 2007 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1, 2 and 5-26 are pending in this application.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, 5, 6 and 13-26 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0145993 to Kurebayashi et al. (Kurebayashi) and rejects claims 7-12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Kurebayashi in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,291,470 to Nishiuchi et al. (Nishiuchi). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Kurebayashi was filed in the United States on October 31, 2003. The present application claims priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-364493 filed in Japan on December 16, 2002. To perfect priority, an English-language translation of the Japanese